

Amendments to the Claims:

1-230 (Canceled)

Please cancel claims 231-278.

Please add new claims 279 – 285.

279. (New) A computer implemented method for facilitating the allocation of proceeds of a business transaction over a network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an arrangement, the arrangement comprising:
an identity of a user acquiring at least one good, service, and information in the business transaction;

an identity of the at least one good, service, and information to be acquired;

an identity of a provider of the at least one good, service, and information in the business transaction;

a payment to be made by the user to acquire the at least one good, service, and information;

an identity of at least one of a plurality of beneficiary groups to benefit from the business transaction;

a business transaction proceeds allocation allocating a portion of the proceeds to the at least one of a plurality of beneficiary groups;

authorization from the user to effect the payment; and

executing the business transaction, pursuant to the arrangement, by causing the delivery of the at least one good, service, and information to the user and causing a payment entity to distribute the proceeds of the business transaction to the provider and the at least one of a plurality of beneficiary groups, pursuant to the business transaction proceeds allocation.

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